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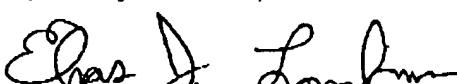
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It is respectfully requested that the time for response to the Office Action dated January 26, 2005 be extended for a period of 1 month from April 26, 2005 to May 26, 2005. The required fee for the extension is estimated to be \$120.

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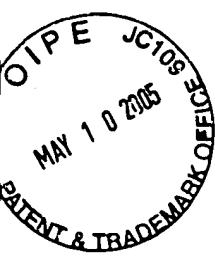
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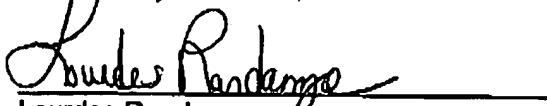
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I hereby certify that the attached correspondence comprising:

1. Response to Restriction Requirement
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was sent to the United States Patent and Trademark Office by telefax to the attention of Examiner T. Saidha, fax number (703) 872-9306.

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